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SCHEDULES

Masses:

Saturday 5:00PM
Sunday 9:00AM

Confession:

Sunday 8:00AM-8:45AM

Eucharistic Adoration:

Friday 7:00PM-8:00PM

Religious Education:

Sunday 10:30AM-12:00PM

1st Sat. of Month:

- Mass at 8:30AM
- Rosary & Altar Society meeting

Weekly Bulletin

August 11, 2007 through August 18, 2007

"Evidence of Things Not Seen"

The beautiful second reading from the Letter to the Hebrews reminds us of the power of faith. It leads us beyond what we can know by our senses to a greater reality. Sometimes we make the mistake of pride: if I can't understand it or experience it right here and now, then it must not be true. This makes man the center of the universe and demands of God that He explain and justify His actions to our satisfaction. Instead, a disposition of faith is content to let God be God!

The recent tragedy at the Mississippi River bridge caused some people to become angry with God or question "where was He?" in the midst of that suffering. Or, "why didn't He prevent it?" Bridges are man-made objects and sometimes they fall. God performs miracles daily to protect us from the imperfections of our human workmanship and the natural decay of the physical universe—but He usually doesn't stop the natural progression. Instead, look at the miracle of how much greater this tragedy could have been! The death toll was substantially less than it could have been or was at first projected. Surely this is proof of the finger of God!

The Gospel of Luke reminds us this Sunday: "You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." All life is precious and any death is a cause for sorrow. Our hearts go out to those who lost loved ones or were affected in any way by this disaster. This moment, though, should also serve to help us never take our lives or those of the people around us for granted. With hearts full of gratitude, we treasure each moment of life... even as we set our hearts on the gift of eternal life!

St. Vincent de Paul Pray for us!

In Christ,

Father John Paul Erickson

Finance Council Meeting on August 19th

There will be a parish Finance Council Meeting at noon on Sunday, August 19th in Wellisch Hall. If you are a member of the parish Finance Council, please plan on attending.

Second Saturday Potluck Next Weekend

Remember – every second Saturday of the month all are invited to gather in Wellisch Hall for a simple potluck following the 5pm Mass. Bring food to share!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 8/11
8:30 a.m. ~Altar and Rose Society
5 p.m. ~People of the Parish

Sunday 8/12
People of the Parish

Saturday 8/18
People of the Parish

Sunday 8/19
People of the Parish

GOSPEL READING AT MASS

Saturday 8/11
Matthew 17: 14-20

Sunday 8/12
Luke 12: 32-48

Monday 8/13
Matthew 17: 22-27

Tuesday 8/14
Matthew 18: 1-5

Wednesday 8/15
Luke 11: 27-28

Thursday 8/16
Matthew 18: 21-19

Friday 8/17
Matthew 19: 3-12

Saturday Confession

Saturday Confession will be at the **Cathedral of Saint Paul** from 3:30PM-5:00PM

Lus ceeb toom

Vim tsis muaj tus teb xov tooj hauv peb lub Tsev teev Ntuj lawm, mas yog nej hu tuaj, tus yuav teb xov tooj yog tus khiav hauj lwm nyob pem lub niam Tsev teev Ntuj (Cathedral). Tso nej npe thiab xov tooj, Txiv Plig mam li hu rov rau nej.

Youth News—2 youth events are coming up that you should be aware of:

Description: Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe's Shrine in Lacrosse, WI

Date: Saturday, August 18

Time: Departing at St. Vincent de Paul's at 8am and returning in the early evening.

Cost: \$10 fee (waivable)

Please talk to Peter or Eric for more information.

Description: 2nd Annual Boys and Girls Retreat

Date: Friday, August 24 - Sunday August 26

Details: This is a mandatory retreat for all Youths ages 14 years and up. More information to be disclosed.

Mass intentions more than available

Many of our Masses at St. Vincent de Paul are celebrated “For the People.” Many times, this is the very worthwhile “default” intention. It often times, though not always, means that no one has requested that that particular Mass be offered for a specific intention. Please know that we have *many* Masses available for special intentions. This is a beautiful and powerful gift to give to a loved one, living or dead. ***Please contact Veronica Ochoa at the Cathedral of Saint Paul at 651.357.1356~ if you wish to have a Mass said for a loved one.***



August 15th Holy Day of Obligation

This Wednesday, August 15, the Universal Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Mother. **This is a Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics. Mass will be celebrated at 7pm on Wednesday at Saint Vincent de Paul. Plan to join us as we honor God and His Holy Mother.**

To know, love and serve Jesus Christ